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Two Lives Lost In Sea Drama Father Drowned Before Eyes Of His Son

The Hook, Dec. 18.—The skipper and one of the seven-man crew of a lifeboat were drowned early today in an attempt to assist the 1,401-ton Swedish freighter Aslog.

The 45-year-old skipper of the lifeboat, Konigin Wilhelmina, from Stellendam, and another member of its crew were washed into the sea when the lifeboat struggled in heavy seas while on its way to the Aslog, which had appealed for assistance last night.

The skipper, B. de Boek, was the father of four children and the drowned member of the crew, 44-year-old H. Grotheboer, had five children.

A 20-year-old son of the skipper was in the crew of the lifeboat. Everything was done to find the missing men, but it was impossible in the dark and the heavy running seas.

The lifeboat never reached the Aslog, but had to set a course to the Hook of Holland after having been at sea all night.

The son of the drowned skipper said on his return here: "It was terrible not being able to do anything to save my father."

The Aslog called for assistance early last night because she was drifting in heavy seas towards the Hook of Holland. The East Scheldt. Later in the night her position was reported to the authorities. Attempts are now being made to tow the Aslog to Flushing.—Reuter.

RAINS LASH SWEDEN

Stockholm, Dec. 18.—Violent rain, storm, sweeping over Sweden, in the past 24 hours, has left ships scurrying into port for shelter.

Lifeboats were still searching this evening for a fishing boat which failed to return from a fishing run near Stockholm. In some of the low-lying Stockholm suburbs pedestrians had to wade knee deep in water.

GALE WARNINGS

London, Dec. 18.—Gale warnings were issued tonight for most sea areas around the British Isles, while more snow was reported from districts in Scotland and the English Lake District.

There was fog on the main road from London to Crawley in Sussex and at Reigate in Surrey. The latest snowfalls were in the Hawick and Jedburgh districts of Roxburghshire, the Carver Bar area in the Cheviot Hills, and the Kendal and Grasmere districts of "Westmoreland."—Reuter.

AIR LINER CRASHES

Paris, Dec. 18.—A Belgian Sabena airliner crashed in a Paris suburb tonight a few minutes after taking off from Le Bourget airfield and first reports said eight persons were killed.

The plane crashed, exploded and burst into flames at about 9.45 p.m.—a few minutes after taking off for a flight to Brussels.

Four passengers and four crew members were reported to have been on board.—United Press.

FORTUNATE ESCAPE

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Twenty-five persons aboard a Constellation escaped injury today when the brakes on the big plane failed as it landed, leaving it free to run the length of the runway and plough through the field fence into the street. The plane was badly damaged.—United Press.

COMMONWEALTH & CHINESE REDS

Recognition Will Be Simultaneous

New Delhi, Dec. 18.—Informed sources said today that the Commonwealth countries had agreed to recognise Communist China simultaneously. They said India had agreed to recognise the Chinese Reds at the same time as the rest of the Commonwealth, but a fixed date for recognition had not yet been set.

(Official quarters in London said recognition would be announced some time this week. They said recognition of the Chinese Reds was held up while the Commonwealth countries debated whether to recognise the French-supported Bao Dai regime in Indo-China too. The Indians had opposed recognition of Bao Dai because they claimed that the Ho Chi-Minh group controlled 80 percent of the country.)

The Burmese Foreign Minister, who flew back to Rangoon today after weekend talks with the Indian Prime Minister, told reporters one of the chief reasons for his government deciding it could no longer delay recognition of the Chinese Communists was the "lawless situation" along the Sino-Burmese border.

Burma announced recognition of the Chinese Reds yesterday—the first non-Communist nation to do so.

COLD RECEPTION

Reports out of London today that all British Commonwealth countries would recognise Communist China in a few days time were given a cold reception in Ottawa. In fact, it was learned on the highest authority that there would be no recognition so far as Canada is concerned until after the Commonwealth conference in Ceylon next month.

A high government official said there had been "no development" to warrant immediate recognition of the Red regime. He said Canada planned to discuss the whole matter with other Commonwealth governments

when they met at Colombo on January 9.

However, this did not necessarily mean that Canada would recognise the Communist government immediately after the conference.

Canadian government officials have frequently said the situation in China would have to be carefully studied before any decision could be reached. In particular, they said they would first have to be satisfied that the Communist regime was free from outside control and had effective control over China.

However, on November 10, the External Affairs Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson, told the House of Commons that in due course Canada would have to "reconsider the situation which confronts us" in China.

Consultations between Canadian and other Commonwealth officials have taken place since the Chinese Communist government have stressed that Canada will make her own decision in accordance with the facts as she sees them.—United Press.

INVITING DISASTER

New Haven, Connecticut, Dec. 18.—A Yale authority on international relations tonight said that United States recognition of Communist China would be "an open invitation to eventual disaster."

The Chinese Communist regime, according to Mr. Davis N. Rowe, is "essentially an ideological and political appendage of the Soviet Union. So much so that it is a heavy support of the Premier Stalin's belief in the 'inevitability of war with us.'"

"And," added Mr. Rowe, "the Chinese Communist regime has already pledged its support to the Soviet Union for the purposes of such a war. It is a matter of time before the U.S. government to supply 'all possible assistance' to Chinese individuals and groups wishing to continue resisting the Communists."

Facing the facts about this "totalitarian regime" is essential to "any rational Far Eastern policy," he declared.

"If it becomes necessary for us to help keep the island of Formosa out of Communist hands," Mr. Rowe asserted, "we should face it. If our political and military planners cannot think of an acceptable way in which to accomplish this, we might as well declare ourselves out of the game and withdraw entirely from Far East to cut out losses."

"We must remember, however, that this is to strongly increase the likelihood of another war, a war certainly not less to be feared because it might take 20 years to develop. There are many other actions which we might well take. The first essential, however, is to deny recognition to the Chinese Communists," he declared.

Mr. Rowe, Associate Professor of International Relations and Research Associate in the Institute of International Studies at Yale, expressed these views of the China situation on the weekly radio programme "Yale interprets the news."—Associated Press.

The King Is Uncrowned



Copious quantities of vaseline failed to free Philip Burrows, 20-months old Hollywood, Calif., lad, from a toilet seat which he tried to wear as a crown but which slipped over his head (left) and wouldn't come off. Firemen quickly got to the seat of the trouble. They used a hacksaw to get the youngster out of his predicament at Hollywood hospital.—AP Picture.

Jap Diplomats To Be U.S. Trained

Washington, Dec. 18.—U. S. State Department officials disclosed today the United States soon will start training "important" Japanese diplomats as part of a policy of speeding readmission of Japan into the world family of nations.

The first four of a hand-picked group of ten representatives of the Tokyo Foreign Office are due in Seattle, Washington, on December 22 on their way to Washington. They will receive intensive training for 60 days in administration of the State Department and its relations with Congress and other agencies.

It was disclosed at the same time that preparations are going forward to bring several hundred Japanese members of Parliament, newsmen, government administrators and students to the United States in the next several months to make them familiar with democratic processes. Some already are on the way.

SPEEDED UP

The whole effort to help prepare Japan for democratic nationhood has been speeded up, officials indicated, since the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson and the British Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, announced in September that a final Pacific war settlement is urgent. "Since then, the United States and Britain have been at work on independent draft proposals for a peace treaty."

The new diplomatic training arrangement was worked out by the State and Defense Departments and General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters. The chosen Japanese diplomats were described by officials as having capabilities for years of future service.

A major project in the embassy stage is to authorize the Japanese to send embassies to foreign trade offices in this country to expand exports toward the point where Japan will cease to be a burden on the American taxpayer. Tentative locations are New York, New Orleans, Chicago and Los Angeles.

From the diplomats, early scheduled visits include a party of Japanese newsmen due about December 30, Hisato Ichimatsu, Governor of the Bank of Japan, who is due in New York the same day under the auspices of the new National Christian University, Dr. Hachiro Yusa, President of the National Christian University due on January 5.—Associated Press.

TOKYO'S WETTEST NOVEMBER

Tokyo.—November 1949 was the wettest November that Tokyo has had in the past 40 years. The Central Meteorological Bureau in Tokyo recorded 15 days of rain in the first three weeks of the month, and 14 inches of rain, more than twice the rainfall of the average November.—Reuter.

Heavy Election Poll In Bulgaria: Only One Party Competing

Sofia, Dec. 18.—The first results of Bulgaria's general election today showed overwhelming votes for the pro-Government Fatherland Front, which had the only candidates in the field, the Bulgarian news agency reported tonight.

The results announced by the agency showed a poll of from 98 to 100 percent, with 97 to 99.3 percent of the vote cast for the Front. A typical result quoted by the agency was that at Razgrad, where all but one of the electorate of 4,500 voted.

Among the candidates in today's Bulgarian general elections were 31 women. Foreign correspondents in Sofia for the Soviet trial visited polling stations in the capital and the coal-mining centre of Dimitrovo, formerly Pernik, and now called after the late Prime Minister, George Dimitroff.

Gaily decorated polling stations had groups of singers and dancers, many of them in brightly coloured peasant costumes, and as the day passed the country took on a spirit of a national holiday.

Portraits of Dimitroff and other Bulgarian leaders were to be seen everywhere and many houses flew the Bulgarian national colours with the Red flag of the Communist Party.

The heaviest voting appeared to be in Dimitrovo, whose Parliamentary candidate, 60-year-old Alexander Milenov, was with Dimitroff in the lead of the miners' march on Sofia in 1908.

Dimitroff miners, according to statements to the newspaper correspondents, seem to be among the most enthusiastic supporters of the present Government.

Many of them get more pay than Bulgaria's Cabinet Ministers. They pay no rent for their Government-constructed flats. Their children, meals are free and the Government pays all their taxes, including social insurance and old-age pensions. The voting procedure in Bulgaria is on a secret ballot and similar to other Eastern European countries. Candidates on the list are certain of election since they were chosen by elimination—at thousands of local pre-electoral meetings throughout the country.—Reuter.

U.S. Of Indonesia

Hatta Becomes Premier

Batavia, Dec. 18.—The Republican Premier, Mohammad Hatta, was elected the first premier of the United States of Indonesia today by three other "skeleton" Cabinet members chosen by President Achmed Soekarno, Radio Jogjakarta announced.

The broadcast said Dr. Hatta met the three other Ministers behind closed doors tonight to select the remaining members of the Cabinet.

President Soekarno has also named the Republican Minister of Defence, the Sultan of Jogjakarta, the East Indonesian Premier, Anak Agung, and the Sultan Hamid, head of the state of West Borneo.

Following the meeting of the four Minister nominees, Dr. Hatta said, "Our first task was an exploratory character only. No decision was reached."

APPOINTMENTS SURPRISE

Political quarters expressed surprise at Dr. Soekarno's appointments as only a three-man nucleus had been expected.

Meanwhile, the authorities here announced that 500 Republican police and 200 Indonesian members of the Dutch civil police were expected to arrive in Batavia next week to strengthen the present staff for the transfer of sovereignty to the new state on December 27.

A Republican spokesman said Dr. Soekarno would arrive here on December 28 and local officials said "preparations were under way to greet him." A Jakarta dispatch reported that the Republican delegation, probably headed by Dr. Hatta, would leave for the Hague by air on December 23 to accept the transfer of sovereignty. The Sultan of Jogjakarta will fly here to accept sovereignty from Dutch officials.—United Press.

Angus Ward's Party Arrives At Yokohama

Yokohama, Dec. 19.—The Angus Ward rescue mission was completed this morning when the Lakeland Victory arrived here with the United States Consul-General and other members of his party.

Mr. William J. Sebald, General MacArthur's diplomatic chief, was on the deck to meet the man who was "despatched" by the Chinese Reds after being tried on trumped up charges that he has flatly denied.

Before leaving Japan on December 22 by ship for the United States, Mr. Ward will meet and talk with General Douglas MacArthur and is expected to give him a detailed first-hand report on conditions within Communist China.

The Lakeland Victory sailed from Kobe, Japan, on December 7 for Taku Bar, which is the port of Tientsin, where Mr. Ward left Communist China territory after a long, hard trip from Mukden.

The Lakeland Victory won in a dramatic race with the Pacific Transport to see which would be the first to reach Taku Bar and get the honour of bringing the Ward party to safety. The little freighter was packed and overcrowded with members of the "Ward party" and 11 foreign correspondents and cameramen who gave the world a complete account of the rescue. On the way back to Japan the Lakeland Victory halted momentarily at Pusan, Korea, to unload cargo and Korean passengers who got an unscheduled trip to China.—United Press.

REVOLUTIONARY TYPES OF WARSHIPS PREDICTED

London, Dec. 18.—The 1950 edition of the standard reference work, "Jane's Fighting Ships," published today, predicted "revolutionary types of warships" in the next few years—including the atom bomb carrier, the guided missile cruiser, rocket-firing destroyers and ships driven by gas-turbine.

The foreword to this 1949-50 issue of the book said that warships "are no longer designed as improvements on developments of earlier types" but made to undertake specific roles in countering a potential enemy type. The foreword said that "a spate of reports" had gathered

EDITORIAL

Mao's Visit To The Kremlin

MANY constructions can be placed on Mr Mao Tse-tung's sudden State visit to Moscow, the most popular, naturally, being that the head of the Chinese Communist Government intends to convey to the world in unmistakable terms that he is going to be a faithful, undeviating satellite of Stalin and his Politburo; in his arrival speech Mao leaned over backward in an endeavour to emphasize this: in fact he was just a little too obvious. Mao does not have to make a long and tedious train trip to Moscow at this time just in order to demonstrate his admiration and devotion to Marxism as practised by Soviet Russia, and there is a suspicion that some amount of pressure has been applied by the Kremlin, and that Mao's gesture is not wholly voluntary. Russia is wielding vast influence in Manchuria and Mongolia and is in a position to embarrass Mao's political power if he is not prepared to listen to reason. The Russians, themselves, are investing the visit with all the dignity at their command, but behind the almost regal trappings can be discerned a definite and deliberate Soviet motive; it is to make as difficult as possible any mutually friendly relations between the Chinese Communist Government and the Western powers. It is a calculated move in the cold war which Russia has been waging and steadily developing during the past four years. Mao may, or may not be an enthusiastic partner of Stalin's in this project, but he probably believes that at his stage, at any rate, it will do him and his regime no harm in openly tagging along with the Kremlin crowd. He may well feel that by so doing he will hold a useful bargaining weapon when it comes to dealing with the Western nations in the future. And, it is perfectly clear, that Mao at this time wants to rid Stalin's mind of any doubts about his

becoming a second Tito. Thus, while any amount of significance can be placed on this meeting between Mao and Stalin, the event deserves to be treated with some reserve. Mao may seriously be intending to burn his boats before his regime has made any formal contact with the Western world and to let it be known that he is, once and for all the willing but disciplined follower of Stalin. If such be the case there will be no rejoicing amongst the non-Communist peoples of the world, but it would, at least, allow everybody to know just what is the situation and to deal with it accordingly. It would be too ridiculously naive to pretend surprise at Mao displaying leanings toward Soviet Russia. He has always stoutly maintained that he is an orthodox, Marxist Communist and has never subscribed to a not unpopular Western idea that he is principally an agrarian reformist and only secondarily interested in political ideology. Nevertheless he is an ardent nationalist and he has given many signs that he is also a patriot. These are two factors which may, in due course, influence his future to an important degree. There will be nothing to suggest Titoism in his immediate relations with Russia, but he can confidently anticipate severe pressure from the Kremlin to surrender the whole of China to the "correct" Soviet ideas of how a country should be run, who should be its friends and who it should regard as its enemies. There will be no shortage of dictation from the Politburo, and eventually Mao may find it necessary to make a decision in the same way as did Tito. That will be the real test of his off-repeated patriotic ardour for the welfare of a vast nation which he is now beginning to rule.

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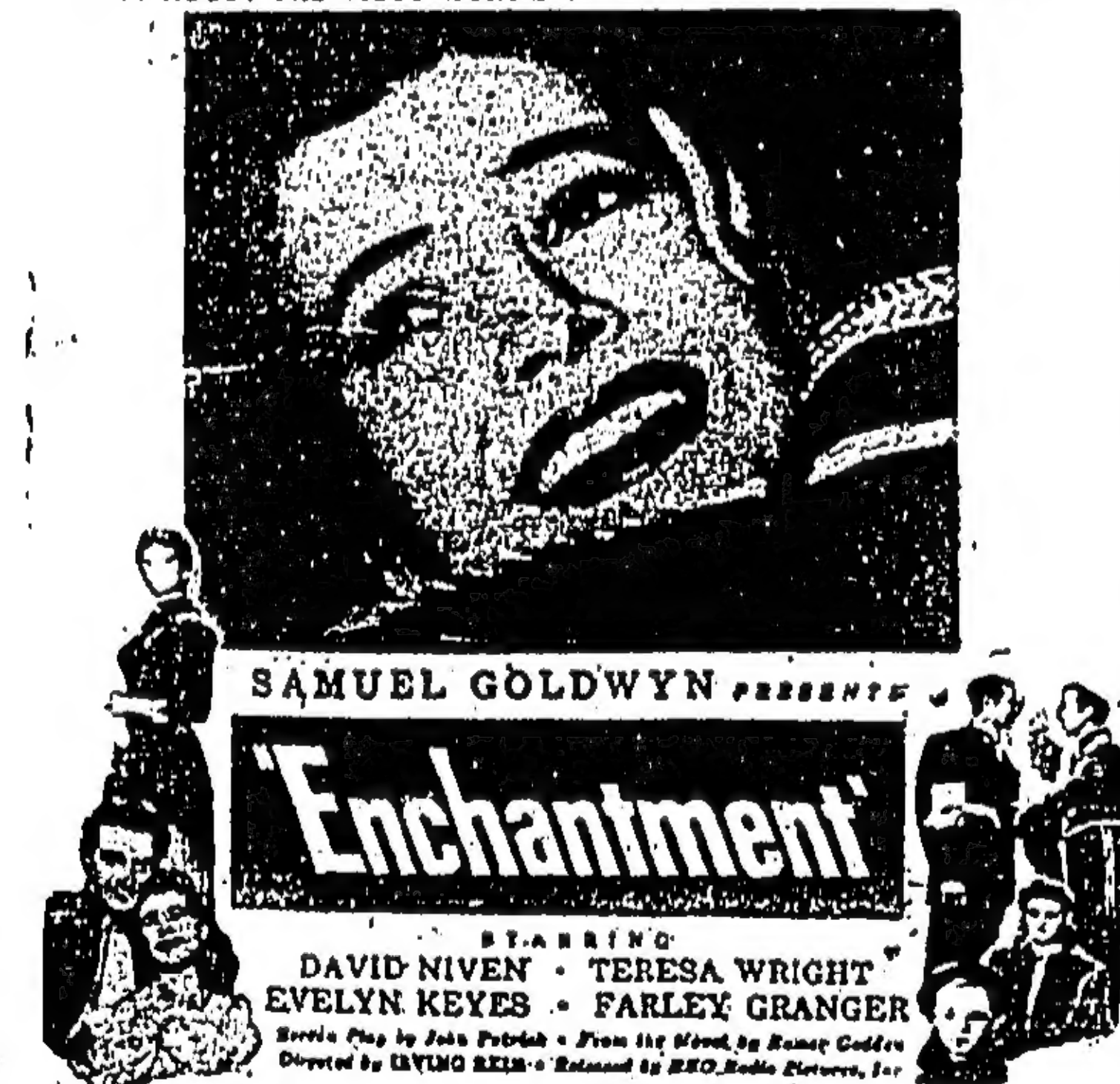
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What these women will wear for Christmas

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BARBARA GOALEN
"I like it because at last I've found something to suit my new striped slip and turban."



VIVIAN LEIGH
"I like it because of the lovely rose pattern."

FIVE women with famous names give Robb a sneak preview of the dress they are keeping for Christmas.

They range from the money-no-object class who shop at the top designers, to the girl who keeps to a budget.

- Here they are:
- 1 Barbara Goalen, top London model whose job it is to look smart always. She prefers plain black "plus."
 - 2 Vivian Leigh, celebrated actress, chooses young pastel colours to set off her dark hair.
 - 3 Barbara Lyon, 18-year-old daughter of Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon, shuns the usual "deb" white dress and chooses black lace.
 - 4 Vanessa Lee, leading lady in "King's Rhapsody," wears a dress designed to be noticed in striped orchid pink.
 - 5 Jean Kent, up-and-coming film star, picks a classic style with a new stole idea.



BARBARA LYON
"I like it because of the new skirt shape."

VANESSA LEE
"I like it because it's not another little black dress."

JEAN KENT
"I like it because of that stole."

London Express Service.

GET THAT HOLIDAY FEELING

By ALICE DENHOFF

GET that holiday feeling around the house with the aid of various and sundry devices such as eating popcorn balls and crunching rudely apples. Sit around the fireplace if you are lucky enough to have one, or serve the refreshments in the favourite family gathering spot. Let your apples be those delicious red McIntoshes, and your popcorn the real old-fashioned kind.

To make popcorn balls, boil 2 c. sugar, 1 1/2 c. water and 1/2 c. light corn syrup until mixture forms medium hard ball in cold water (200 F.). Add 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/2 tsp. vinegar; cook to hard ball stage (204 F.). Add 1/2 tsp. vanilla; stir slightly. Have ready 6 qt. hot popped corn in deep pan; pour syrup on slowly, stirring and lifting corn to coat evenly. Roll into balls.

Pecan Pie

Dieters had better keep away from pecan pie, especially when made according to this recipe. Mix in the order given, 3 slightly beaten eggs, one c. sugar, one c. dark corn syrup, 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/2 to one c. pecan nutmeats, coarsely chopped. Pour into pie pan or 8-inch square shallow pan which has been lined with pie crust. Place in hot oven (450 F.) for about 10 min. Reduce heat to 325 F. and continue to bake until filling is firm (about 50 min.). Insert silver knife in filling after about 40 minutes of baking; pie is done when knife comes out clean. When done, top will be firm and crusty with pecans showing. Cook slowly. Not at all a difficult pie for a beginner to tackle, but oh, so good, and ideal with hot coffee for company.

Also not for dieters, but like most forbidden fruit, so very good, is Date Delight. To serve 6, blend together 2 well beaten eggs, 1/2 c. sweetened condensed milk, 1/2 c. bread crumbs, 1/2 tsp. baking powder, 1/2 c. chopped nutmeats. Place in top of double boiler. Cook over boiling water for 30 min. Serve hot or cold with whipped cream. A nice company special, since it is both delicious and different!



Velour pillbox and velvet choker: Ann Sothern at the Royal film reception.
London Express Service.

Household Hints

If you are painting furniture white, add a drop of Prussian blue to each quart of white paint to prevent the paint from later turning yellow. Mix the Prussian blue with the turpentine first, so it can be blended completely into the white paint.

Before you iron your lingerie, sprinkle your favourite cologne on the ironing board. Makes clothes smell sweet.

Miss Fontaine's Pin-Curl Problem In Italy

By PATRICIA CLARY

THE biggest problem of Jean Fontaine's trip to make a movie in Italy was how to say pin-curl in Italian. "The make-up man and hairdresser didn't speak English," she said. "I don't speak Italian. They forgot to send the directions with the make-up. How do you say 'Put a little more blue in the eye-shadow in Italian?'" Miss Fontaine's troubles began the first day the Hal Wallis company arrived in Rome to make "September" for Paramount.

"You brought the make-up with you, of course," the director said. "Why, no," said Miss Fontaine. "Didn't you bring it with you?" It turned out nobody brought the make-up. It was found several days later squashed at the bottom of a trunk. They rounded up an emergency supply of lipstick and face rouge. But there was nobody to apply it.

"I said 'I'd make myself up' before. But it was so hot—even at 6 in the morning—I wouldn't stick. As I said, I'd put my eyes on, they'd slide down to my chin."

French Helps

The company finally found an Italian artist to take over the painting. He spoke a little French. So did Miss Fontaine. "But school didn't teach me the words for a job like that," she said.

The hair was arranged the same way. Miss Fontaine told the make-up man what she wanted in French, and he relayed the news to the hairdresser.

"I was amazed," she said. "In the picture, it all looks wonderful." Getting made up was only the beginning. The crowds that followed Miss Fontaine and Joseph Cotton everywhere made them feel like the Pied Piper.

"People don't have anything else to do," she said. "The crowds were so big we never could shoot a scene. So they put Joe and me in one taxicab and our stand-ins, dressed just like us, in another. Then the two cabs would circle round and round the city."

"If we stopped to rehearse, we'd pull the blinds down. It was like an oven."

Speed Needed
"When they were ready to shoot a scene, the director would drop a white handker-

Some Gift Suggestions

FOR the gift that speaks of luxury, and high fashion, here are some suggestions:

Dinner blouse—black Chantilly lace with off shoulder neckline section in hand embroidered pink, batiste made with ruffled sleeves and belted in black velvet with jewelled buckle is an ideal gift.

Chinese embroidered handkerchiefs, always a marvel of handwork, have been toned down in ornateness. Particularly gift-worthy is a 13-inch sheer Irish linen with a full name embroidered inside a bowknot and flower oval. The embroidery comes in shadow tone-on-tone colours as well as all white.

Hand-embroidered edging and a tiny touch of embroidery trim on the square are examples of the designs on the large linen handkerchiefs. Mexican drawn-work is another outstanding type of embroidery—worked dramatically as borders of openwork lace set well inside plain, outer borders.

Brooch—with an antique character is the large amethyst centre with frame and pendants of large marquis and round rhinestones.

Flower drop earring in new swinging pendant style. These combine canary colour diamond-like centres with daisy petals of rhinestones with double floral drop.

BIG SLEEVE THEME

PARIS. ONE Paris couture house develops the big sleeve theme in dresses and stiff silk blouses in versions reflecting the 1890's and possibly inspired by the play "Cheri," and the film, "Gigi," which were big current successes in Paris; both are by Colette and are set in that period.

A black velvet street-length suit even has a pout de sole blouse with the deep décolleté and huge sleeves of evening blouses of that epoch. More moderate versions for daytime dresses are always softly crushable to go into coat sleeves easily.

Slim Hipline

Other points featured in the collection of about 25 models include wide draped necklines, a concentration of design emphasis on the top of the figure, leaving hips slim and skirts simple. There are several street-length evening gowns; a halter-necked sheath in silver grey satin embroidered with brilliant and minuscule white wool snowflakes; while longer evening gowns are mostly unadorned, showing the feet at front.

This midseason collection was designed by Madame Françoise De Dancourt, daughter of Besons De Wagner.

When A Child Should Be Praised

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

WITH the baby and young child, we motivate desirable conduct through smiles, tender pats, caresses, and words of approval. The older he grows, the less he will need of such experience. His range of satisfaction gradually widens through what he is able to achieve. We further our usefulness then as we do more to get the stage so he can achieve worthily. Nevertheless, there never comes a time when a word of encouragement dropped at the strategic moment won't have good effect.

When, therefore, the youngster chooses to share his toys with a playmate, protects a younger, weaker child, or shows selflessness, evidence of usefulness, we should compliment him. So also when, at five or fifteen, he has been able to meet with self-control a trying situation that usually would have caused him to fly into a rage, we should compliment him. And we should praise him after he has been very thoughtful of his grandmother or some older person or has proved very courteous in one or several ways when guests were present, or has gone a week at wise and careful handling of money, or the home or done his assigned jobs faithfully. After he has revealed good motives and behaviour in any one of hundreds of other ways and situations, let us again compliment him.

The mother may compliment her six-year-old daughter, on her return home, for her fine conduct at a party; the mother and father may express delight at breakfast over the way their son, eight, has been getting himself ready for school and off promptly; the father may compliment his son, fourteen, on the manner in which he kept up his part of the conversation with the lady next to him at the dinner attended by the family.

In the foregoing examples, even though the parents may have observed some bad ways of behaviour in the child, it was better not to mention these. Only the clearly good behaviour was picked out for comment.

Skilful parents should tell their children of the nice things they hear about them at school, church, or from adults in whose homes these children have visited.

As a rule, the discerning mother tells the father, in the youngster's presence, only about the good things he did that day. She takes care of his naughty deeds herself. The person left to care for the children during the absence of their parents should follow the rule of celebrating their successes rather than of tattling on them. Thereafter, these children are more ready to act so as to warrant still more good reports to their parents.

How to Overcome Dry Skin



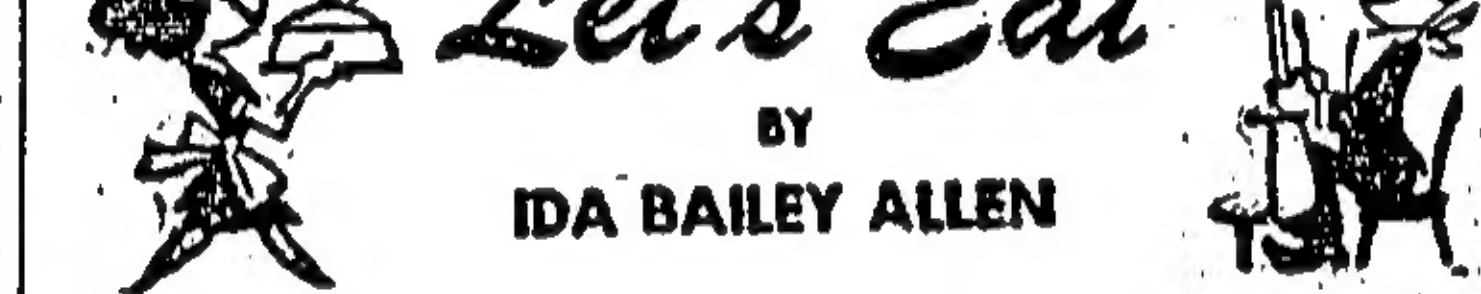
If skin has a tendency to be dry, apply a night cream or emollient after you have cleansed it at bedtime. Then leave a little of the cream on all night.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IF there were a willing wall, and the ladies with pulchritude griefs were lined up for sobbing, the loudest and longest cries would come from the woman with the dry skin. She will tell you that she feels as if she were shedding her complexion, that there is no health in it, and make-up doesn't help very much. She is advised to use creams and to use them lavishly. But the question is, does she get creams of the right consistency? If she will search carefully at the cosmetic counter she may learn that there are different creams for different types of skin; she may have been using an emollient that is compounded for the "oilies."

Powder should have an oily base. A cream rouge will give a better satisfaction than the compact. And there is the matter of diet, to which, of course, she will not give a thought. She needs more butter on her bread, more oil in the salad dressing, bacon for breakfast, plenty of cream in her coffee. Fat in any form will stimulate the sebaceous glands that have got lazy and refuse to function. Four or five glasses of water a day will help. Few women drink as much water as they should to supply the body needs; often the dry skin is the direct result of this lack.

During the winter season it is important that the air in the home be moist. If you have steam heat, put water containers on the radiators, keep them filled to the top all the time. Dry air is not only tough on the complexion, but has a deplorable effect upon the breathing organs.



Let's Eat
BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Christmas Dinner In England

HIGH noon on Christmas Day. You are invited to Christmas dinner in England. Branches of holly over mirrors and pictures; no wreaths.

The big dining table extended full length—white linen cloth, with red and green paper chains fastened from the edge of the table. In the centre a small low decoration of greens and red berries. At each person's place is a box of bon-bons or a cracker. And "cracker" in this case means an artistically decorated cylinder of paper, containing a snap or "banger" to be pulled, a toy or paper hat and a loving message. When everyone is seated at the table the crackers are pulled, with a flourish, and the messages are read aloud. Everybody is gay, England is still in the midst of an austerly programme, but British good cheer is bubbling over.

Enough Sugar

For weeks British homemakers have been saving up ration points to get enough sugar and fat to make the plum pudding, mince pie, or a Yule log cake. There is a difference, however. In England the cake is filled with jam—while in France, a cooked cream filling is used. Now that British homemakers can get more golden syrup (treacle) for their points, the problem of sweetening is a bit easier. For golden syrup combines perfectly with dried fruits and spices.

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Now for the Plum Pudding, traditional Christmas dessert for the British Isles. English Plum Pudding. Sift together 3 cups flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon allspice, 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Add 2 cups fine stale bread crumbs, 2 cups moist raisins, 1 cup moist currants, 1/2 cup fine-chopped figs, 1 cup mixed shredded candied citron, orange and lemon peel, 2 cups light brown sugar, 2 cups fine-chopped beef suet, the grated rind of 1 lemon, 4 large eggs beaten light and 1 cup grape juice. (The British use Brandy.) Mix thoroughly. Turn into 3 or 4 pint-sized moulds with covers that fit tight. (1 lb. coffee tins make good containers.) Fill not more than two-thirds. Steam or boil 8 hours, which is the only way the rich flavour of a real English pudding can be developed. This is a heavy, rich, moist pudding. It may be made a day or even weeks before it will be needed, and reheated by boiling for 1 hour.

Christmas Dinner in England

Vegetable Soup
Roast Chicken
Herb-Bread
Stuffing
Gravy
Boiled Potatoes
Brussels Sprouts
Cauliflower
Whole Wheat Bread
Lighted Plum Pudding
Or Mince Pie
Branded Sweet White Sauce
Fruits and Nuts
Coffee

Where do the fruits come from, you ask? Apples are grown in the British Isles, and imported from Canada and America. Dates, oranges, tangerines and grapes are imported from South Africa. As to the nuts—they are the delicacy of delicacies. The vegetables are all fresh; English homemakers would even think of serving the chopper.

PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



IT'S A LIVING!—Beverly James (right), aged 19, earns her way through night school in Cleveland, Ohio, by teaching baton twirling. Here she gives last-minute instructions to Bess Morrison, one of her 40 pupils. Miss James plans to abandon the baton for elementary teaching after she is graduated.



SCHOOL AT HOME—Ann Louise, in a polio wheelchair in New York, participates in a classroom discussion almost two miles from the school. She was demonstrating the new school-to-home telephone communication displayed at the convention of the U.S. National Society for Crippled Children and Adults.



RESCUED—When the Spanish cargo steamer, Monte Gurugu, sank during a heavy gale in the Bristol Channel, this lifeboat went to the rescue from Ilfracombe, England. Although it landed its passengers safely, 12 men were lost when the ship went down.



THE WINNER—Lovely Simone Morin acts as referee for two canine contenders in a game of fistcuffs in Paris. It's all part of a dog act in a theatre. Here, the champ waits in his corner after knocking out his adversary.



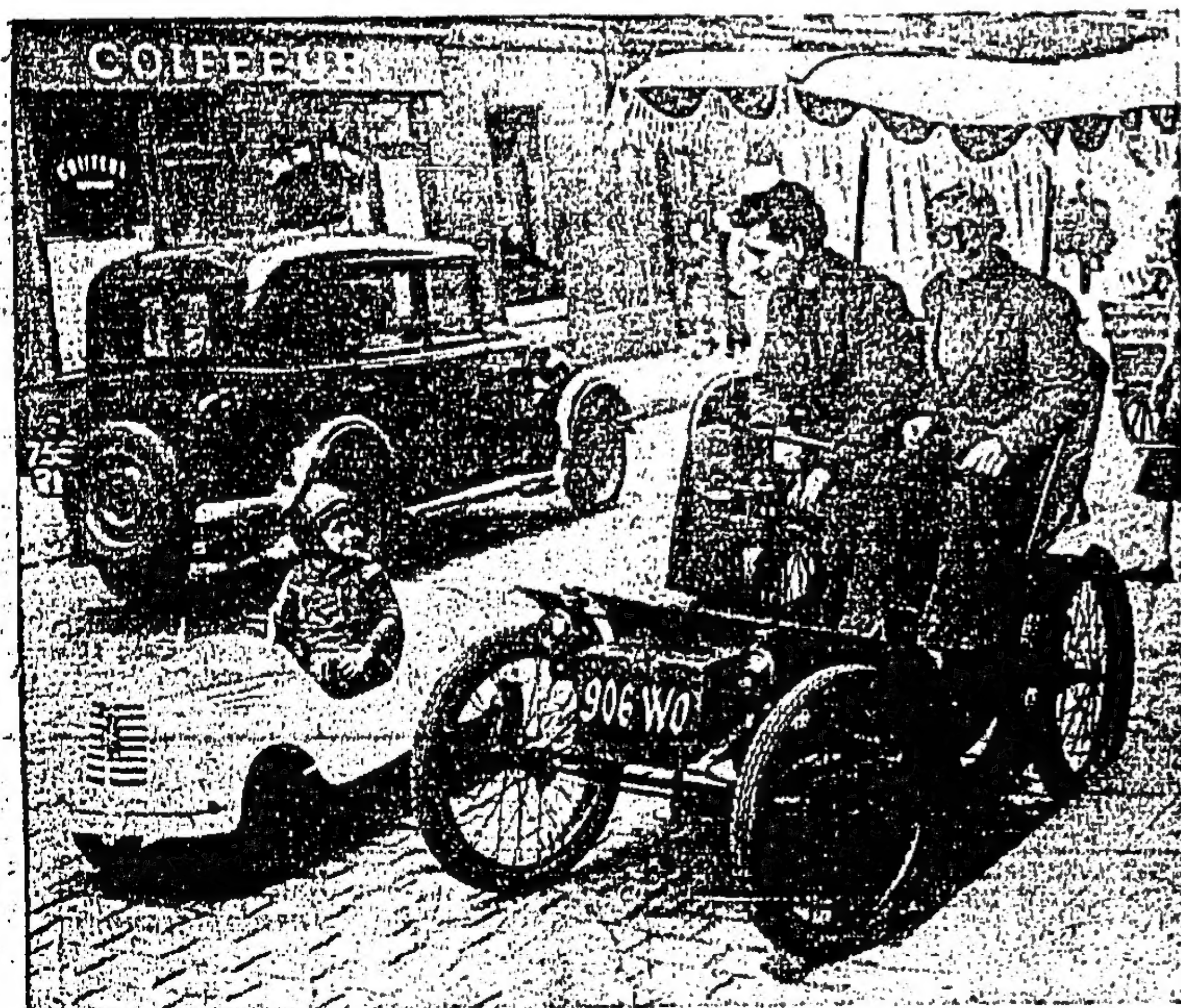
YOUNG COMPETITOR—Denis Carr, 12, rehearses with George Allen before taking part in the National Brass Band Championship of Britain contest in London. The lad was the youngest of the 400 competitors in the event. Princess Elizabeth awarded prizes to the winners.



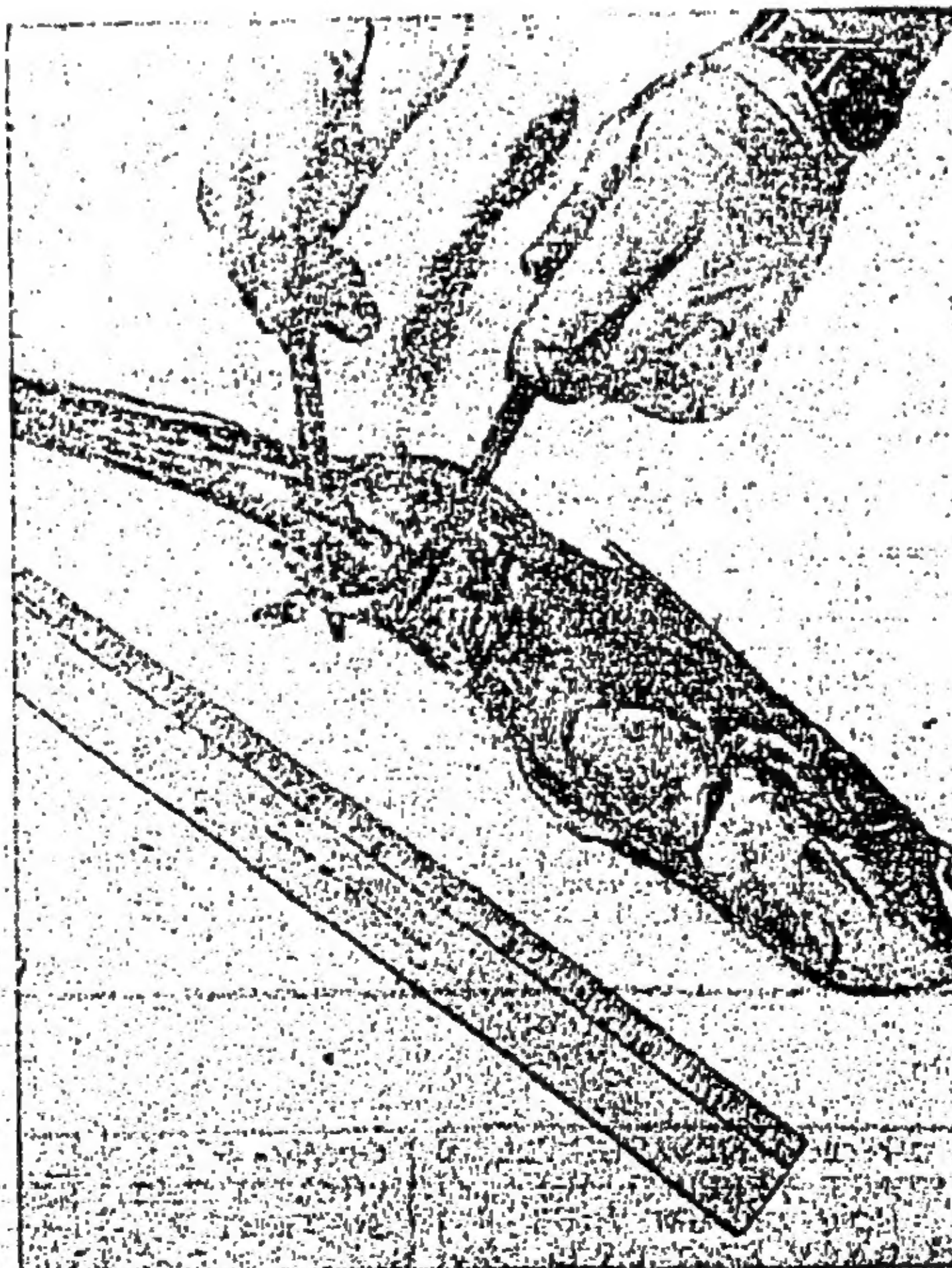
NO MORE—Actress Ava Gardner has just announced in Hollywood that she's fed up with posing for cheese-cake photos like this. She claims that after eight years of it, she deserves a change.



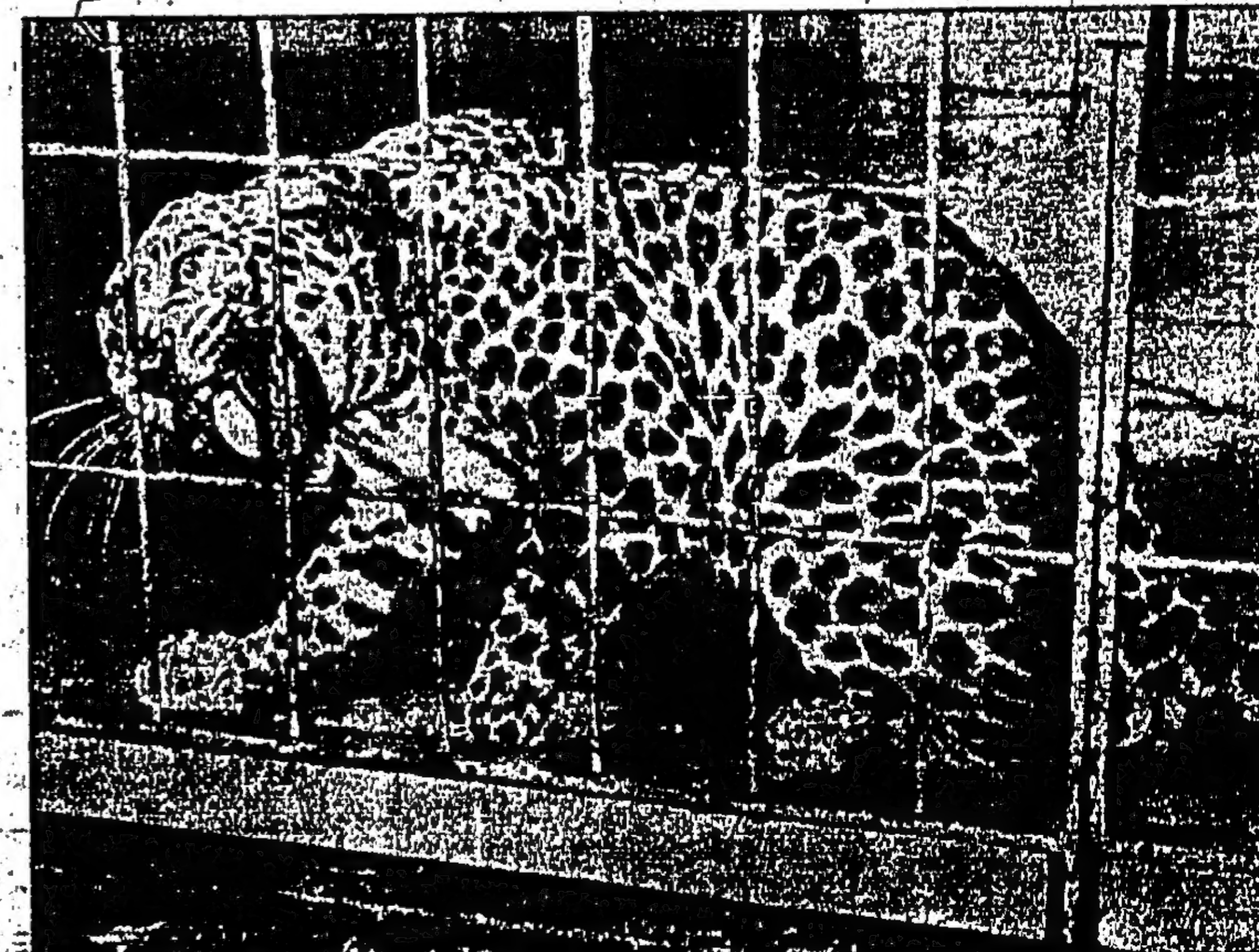
FOR A RAINY DAY—When the U.S. steel strike really ended, Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Tarasevich and their son, Adolf, Jr., staged a celebration in Pittsburgh. But first of all, just to be on the safe side, they went out and stocked up on tinned goods.



FAMILY RIVALS—Three-year-old Christian Quelvec looks condescendingly at his father who is seated in an 1893 Hugo in Paris. The junior hot-rod was built by the lad's father, Henri, and is equipped with a .025 horsepower engine so Christian can drive at 20 miles per hour.



WHAT IS IT?—This odd fish was caught by George Green off the coast of Lower California. It has four legs at the rear of its body, with numerous holes the size of a lead pencil around its nose. A hook on its forehead is covered with sharp teeth and it fits into a socket when not in use.



BAD BOY—This leopard escaped from his cage in the Buffalo Zoo by jumping up 12 feet through a glass skylight. Although he was trapped up there with no place to go, it took 102 hours before hunger and thirst drove him back into his cage. He looks a little annoyed about the whole thing.

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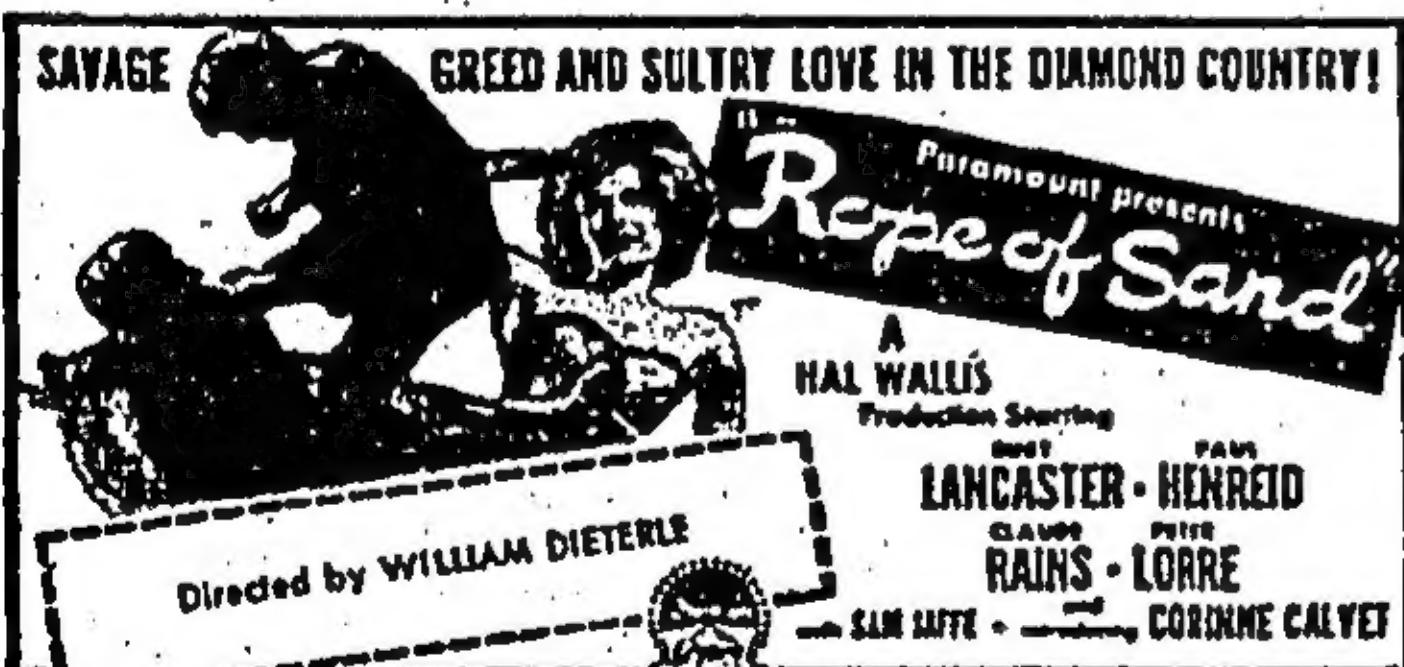
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THE STABLE IN BETHLEHEM

FROM Nazareth it is a distance of seventy-five miles to Bethlehem of Judea. For Joseph and Mary and Anna and Joachim—the aged father and mother also had to go down to be counted—that made a three-day journey. The two women rode on stubborn little Galilean donkeys, while their men trudged alongside and held on to the reins.

They went by the way of the great pilgrim road, running north and south, crowded with other families on donkeys and traveling aloof.

Joseph noticed a tightening of his wife's hands, a whitening of knuckles, as they drew near the town.

"The child must be coming," he told himself. "I will get her to a bed as quickly as possible."

At The Inn

BUT, as they entered the streets of Bethlehem, the press of pilgrims was so great that the pair could scarcely move forward; no one would even listen to Joseph when he asked the way to a hotel; one urchin laughed in his face at such a question. Five hostlers they tried but all were filled up. Joseph kept on doggedly; he forced his way through the door of the last tavern and demanded to talk to the host.

"My wife is ill," pleaded Joseph. "Her baby is about to be born."

The innkeeper was a stout and grumpy man with an enormous stomach. For a moment he said nothing; then he curled his fingers around his mouth and bawled hoarsely: "Sarah!"

His wife, just as stout as he was, came shuffling from the back of the house.

"What you want?" she demanded hoarsely, voice a replica of his own.

"Look at this woman, the young one, is she having her baby now or is this a scheme to get lodgings?"

The greasy wife leaned forward.

One Warm Place

"THIS one," she announced, her voice even hoarser with fright, "is having the baby now. I know. There's not a bed in the town tonight. But she can't have a baby here on the floor. We've got to do something. Gabriel! There is one warm and comfortable place where we haven't put anybody yet."

"Is there now? Where? Just where?" demanded Gabriel.

"In the stable!"

"The stable!" echoed Joseph miserably, and Anna put her arms around Mary. But the young wife looked gratefully at the innkeeper's wife.

"You are very kind to think of it," she said. "A stable is warm." She turned to Joseph. "These people would surely take good care of their animals. And we will be alone there."

The stable was in a roomy cave that extended under the whole building of the inn. Heaving and puffing, the stout Sarah came clumping down the stairs behind them, and after her Gabriel, puffing even louder than his wife, both clasping fresh bundles of straw. They laid a bed against the inner wall, which was warmer and not so damp, and they brought linen and a coverlet and a pillow for Mary's head.

"God Be With You"

THEN Gabriel and Sarah had to leave them, for business was brisk upstairs, but both of them paused to give a hoarse: "God be with you tonight!" Anna helped Mary to undress, and then went upstairs in search of jars of heated water, while Joseph stood near brooding.

"Why do we have no sign now?" he was asking himself. "Where is the angel? Why doesn't Anna hurry back?"

Anna soon came back with the water. She briskly exited Joseph and Joachim through a rear door in the stable, bidding them to stay out until they were sent for.

Joseph trudged up and down in the dark area behind the stable. He fingered the pouch

that held his store of coins and wondered whether he had enough money to see the child through. The hours dragged on. Joachim had sat down on his haunches and soon fell asleep. But Joseph walked on like a man in a nightmare, waiting, praying, until at last and suddenly he heard the sound—a child's first cry.

In the dim light he knelt beside the bed of straw where Mary lay, pale and weak but wide-eyed and with a small, brave smile for him.

"See!" she murmured.

"To Give Everything"

JOSEPH was on his knees. Mary held out firm hands, lifting up her son, wrapped in Grandmother Anna's swaddling clothes—lifting him up adoringly, by the fate of the world reposing in the chalice of her hands.

Even in the first instant of seeing the child Joseph was aware of something extraordinarily different about him.

Somehow he knew that this newborn baby, whose face was not red and crinkled but smooth and white, and whose expression was of such potent innocence and affection, had come into the world to get nothing and to give everything.

Mary had fallen asleep and there was quiet in the stable. Anna and Joachim made a bed for themselves far back in the shadows. And Jesus, the baby, lay asleep in his first bed, a manger which the foster father had hastily filled with fresh hay and barley oats that smelled sweet and clean.

For Joseph, sleep was impossible. His mind, his very soul, was too tremulous and excited. Joseph in that dark hour could have poured out his heart in rapturous conversation. He still felt baffled that there was no further sign.

Nine months since the angel had stood with folded wings in the Nazareth house. The day of the Annunciation. After that the dream message had come to Joseph; then silence; months of commonplace reality. Was it not strange that the baby had been born without some demonstration? Here was the child; where were the angels?

The Shepherds

HE listened for a rustling of wings and heard only the sleepy bleat of a year-long lamb. That, and presently a low rumble of distant voices, the shuffling of feet outside the house and at the lower back entrance of the stable, a knocking of a staff.

With a gasp of concern that Mary would be awakened, Joseph hurried to the door. Unfastening the latch, he opened

the upper half of the door, then put a finger warningly to his mouth. A group of bearded faces were staring in at him. One man held up a lighted lantern. Behind them was still the night, dark and clear, with the sparkle of uncountable and extraordinarily brilliant stars. Joseph had not seen those stars until now.

"Peace!" breathed Joseph. "This is no time to make noise." "The Lord be unto you," returned one of the men in a low, pleading voice. "We have not come to make any trouble at all."

"Who are you then?" "We are shepherds from the hills outside this town. We have been tending our flocks."

"The hour is late," insisted Joseph firmly.

He would have closed the door but the speaker held up his staff.

"Wait. Only one question. Has a child just been born in this place?"

"We Are Friends"

"WHY do you ask, shepherd? How is it your business about a child?"

"Don't be afraid of us, man. We are friends."

"Well, then—yes. A child has been born here."

"Only a little while ago?"

"True. Within two hours."

Low exclamations came from the bearded mouths of the shepherds.

And the first speaker laid a kindly hand on Joseph's shoulder.

"Tell me—it is a man-child?"

"It is."

"And could it be possible that you have a child in a manger?"

"Yes," answered Joseph, feeling the tears gather in his eyes. "There was no cradle, you see. The town is overcrowded; there was nowhere else I could take my lady."

"Then God be praised!" murmured the shepherds fervently, and the others muttered agreement in their hearts.

A Marvellous Sight

"LISTEN, man," cried the one with the lifted staff. "We five men have just seen a marvellous sight. And it has to do with you."

Marvellous sight! And unbelievable. Hope sprang up in Joseph's thought.

"Believe this thing we tell you. We were all tending our flocks tonight, minding our own business. The night was clear, air cool, stars bright, everything going along just as usual. Suddenly Jonas here interrupt-

The curtain of the stars was split like a tent, and through the opening we saw a host of angels that filled the sky and they were all singing at the top of their voices . . ."

"And do you know what they were singing?" demanded Jonas, again interrupting. "The words were: 'Glory be to God in the highest and on earth peace . . .'"

The tale of the shepherds brought peace to Joseph. The sign had come at secondhand, which was better. These men, panting and out of breath and sweaty, full of strength and humility, had seen the gates of another world open up and had heard singing from on high, the heavens rejoicing at the birth of Mary's child.

Joseph received them with open arms. On tiptoe they followed him as he led them straight to the manger, where they looked down and then knelt beside the sleeping figure of Mary's son.

Soon they were gone, and Joseph resumed his unsleeping vigil. But now his heart was calmed. The sign had come. In his mind's ear he could hear the unnumbered hosts of the servants of God, singing to the age: "Peace on earth to men of good will."

To The Temple

THE law of their people prescribed that every little boy must be circumcised on the eighth day of his life. Accordingly, on the eighth day after the Nativity, Jesus and Mary and Joseph and Anna and Joachim left the stable under the inn and rode their donkeys six miles up the steep heights that led to Jerusalem and the temple.

They were glad when they reached the outer gate of the Temple area and found a little knot of relatives waiting to welcome them: Zachary, joyous and very talkative beside the radiant Elizabeth, who had brought little John in her arms. Strutting forward and back, they found also the mocking but very friendly and companionable Samuel.

It was not the first time that Elizabeth and Mary had met since the birth of Jesus; three times in the last week Elizabeth and Zachary had made the journey over to Bethlehem. Now they all moved inside the Temple walls with happy faces and halted in the outer court to buy their ritualistic offerings. And here Mary looked to Joseph, wondering what he was going to decide.

According to the law they could purchase a year-old lamb for burnt offering and a young pigeon for a sin offering, or Joseph could choose the less expensive course of buying two turtle doves or two young pigeons, depending altogether on his conscience and his purse.

C.V.R. Thompson Reports The American Scene

NEW YORK. SALES of British goods are going up. There is nothing sensational yet, but I have noticed a steady climb while Christmas shopping in New York. The merchants confirmed it.

Big stores are pushing goods from Britain instead of hiding them. Made-in-Britain presents being bought by New Yorkers are chiefly scarves, cutlery sets, gloves, ties, sweaters, small sets of china-ware, socks, and linens. And Fifth-avenue's biggest toy-shop has a window filled with models of British trains which are selling well.

Food-shop managers tell me British-made plum puddings and biscuits may break a record this year. The owner of my local store says that English chocolates are selling so well he cannot keep up his stock.

And grocers find British ale, gingerbeer and even soda-water are increasingly popular lines.

But what did surprise me was the news from a car dealer who said that although the bottom had dropped out of the market for second-hand American cars, he has a waiting-list for second-hand Austins. Such is the demand that the second-hand price has gone up £50 in a month.

SAVE YOUR CASH is the advice given by Jean Horne, who is head of the local relief fund. Said he: "I don't believe more than 12 of our big names would enjoy financial security if their careers were cut short tomorrow."

CHRISTMAS CARDS that can be eaten are on sale in New York. They are made of a slice of rich fruit cake inscribed with

the recipient's name and "A Fruitful Christmas."

SOCIALITES have protested to a New York hotel against its new mural of the Waterfront by artist Paul Meltzer. Among the Queens and other famous ships were a rubbish barge plainly marked "The Social Register." Replied Meltzer: "It's not a satire but a realistic painting which reflects my idea of the New York snobs who try to copy Britain's aristocracy."

VITAL STATISTICS: The average American, according to Washington, is earning nearly twice what he made in 1939, and he has begun to spend it a little more freely than three months ago. American men are growing taller and heavier than they did years ago, six feet being the new average height and 16 stone the average weight.

An Interruption

BUT as Joseph and Mary were about to cross the court, where the offerings would be turned in and ceremonies performed, there came a startling interruption. Mary, with the sleeping Jesus against her breast, was walking a little behind Joseph, when a shadow fell across them; a withered figure swayed out from under a pillared archway; a purblind old man tottered before them in the sun.

"What's he want?" asked Samuel hastily.

But Zachary, the priest, who knew his way about the Temple, lifted his hand reassuringly. "Don't be worried," he said. "It's only Simeon. Everybody around the Temple knows old Simeon. He's harmless. He'll agree to anything."

"He is a devout and just man," remonstrated Zachary, "and he tells everybody that once he was visited by the Holy Spirit. The angel promised him that before he died he was to see the Messiah in the flesh."

Samuel looked warily at Zachary. The priest's face was set in an ivory calm. The others stood back while the tall, ragged figure of Simeon crept nearer, toward Mary and Joseph with the child.

Silence

THERE was a moment of curious silence as he halted and lifted up his hands and croakingly thanked God. At last, he grunted aloud, he could be allowed to die. A chill ran even in the spine of Samuel when he heard that prayer. The whole group stood still, as other persons came hurrying down the courtyard; a crowd collected, all watching as Simeon leaned forward and his emaciated face of a thousand wrinkles came close to the young mother.

"What child is set for the fall?" he gasped. The sunken eyes gleamed again straight at Mary. "And for the resurrection of Israel," he went on huskily.

His bony right hand raised, the lean misshapen forefinger pointed crookedly at the mother's heart.

"And your own soul, a sword shall pierce!" he predicted. As tears gathered in Mary's eyes, he added: "Out of many hearts, thoughts shall be revealed."

Now Simeon swayed back, waving both hands helplessly, as if saying farewell to a life he had never enjoyed; as if this moment were a tremendous release to him and he was glad to lose himself in shadows.

TO BE CONTINUED TOMORROW

NANCY Please Note



By Ernie Bushmiller



Britain's Jet-Aircraft Lead Causes Concern In US INDUSTRY'S CALL FOR GOVERNMENT AID

Seattle, Dec. 18.—The latest call to the United States Government to help American aircraft manufacturers fight Britain's lead in jet transport aircraft came yesterday from a vice-president of the Boeing Aircraft Company, Mr. Wellwood E. Beall.

The Boeing Company constructed the famous B-29 and B50 Superfortresses and the Boeing Stratocruiser.

In a call for all-out Government aid, Mr. Beall urged the Civil Aeronautics Administration to organize jet aircraft design competitions, reimburse companies for prototypes constructed and purchase aircraft for lease to U.S. airlines.

"Such a plan, if adopted, would give United States manufacturers and airlines the answer to the problem of how to compete effectively with the threat of British domination of future air transport," Mr. Beall said.

He added that it would not need any new major legislation. During the past year American aircraft industry spokesmen have expressed concern at Britain's lead in the jet transport field and have maintained that individual U.S. airlines could not finance such a project.—Associated Press.

LINDBERGH'S VIEW
Washington, Dec. 18.—The pioneer aviator, Colonel Charles Lindbergh, said in a speech here that progress in aviation science was not contributing to the character of man.

Colonel Lindbergh, famous for making the first West-East solo trans-Atlantic flight, was addressing a dinner of the Aero Club of Washington to receive the Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy for public service to aviation.

"As we have progressed in the science of aviation, we have separated ourselves from the balanced quality of life," he said.

"I am convinced that man cannot thrive indefinitely in the hot-house atmosphere we are creating."

"I believe that for permanent survival he must balance science with other qualities of life—qualities of body and spirit as well as those of mind—qualities he cannot develop when he lets mechanics and luxury insulate him so greatly from the earth to which he was born"—Reuter.

POLITICS BLAMED
Washington, Dec. 18.—Dr. George D. Stoddard, president of the University of Illinois, said the real brakes on American aviation progress were "political and social rather than scientific or technical."

Dr. Stoddard said: "The truth is that we are afraid to let planes in from all places of the world."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Question Of "Face"

Sir.—Mr. Dean Acheson's statement on "the foolish Oriental concept of 'losing face'" is not so "impudent and ill-considered" as you appear to think it is.

As a matter of fact, there is a lot of commonsense in Mr. Acheson's "impudent flippancy."

He is not bothered with the "face" question as far as the retention by the Chinese Communists of American citizens is concerned—but he is definitely anxious that the latter should not like decent, normal human beings and release men, whose only transgression, it would appear, was to be born Americans.

Anyway, as you point out, the U.S.A. loses no "face" in this wrangle. The childish, unaccountable behaviour of the Chinese Communists, however, has not redounded to their credit—or reputation! If any one has lost "face," then it's the one to whom "face" is paramount. No civilised community would act in such a manner.

All of which is most surprising to me judged by the way the Chinese Communists have improved the morale of the Nationalists and have earned the praises of both Chinese and foreigners alike.

I fancy that, in some echelons of the Communist hierarchy, there must be a fair sprinkling of those narrow-minded bigots, whose whole outlook towards the West is one of misguided hatred. It's surprising how many Chinese really hate us from the West. Of course, we have little to be proud of in the past—but surely, much "face" (if "face" there must be) will be gained by letting bygones be bygones and holding out the hand of friendship.

That would be a big gesture—and the West is big enough. I am certain, to appreciate it.

RALPH SHAW.

New Soviet Appointment Announced

Moscow, Dec. 18.—It was announced today that a Politburo member, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, had been elected secretary of the Central Committee of the All-Union Communist Party.

He was also elected first secretary of the Moscow district Communist Party, replacing Mr. C. M. Popov, who is reported to be taking a responsible municipal construction job.

The announcement said that Mr. Khrushchev had been relieved from his post as first secretary of the Ukrainian Central Committee of the Communist Party to take on the all-Union Party post.

Mr. Khrushchev, a former worker, is a veteran Bolshevik and has been a Politburo member since before the war. He was secretary of the Moscow committee of the Communist Party for some time before the war, and spent the war years as a member of the Military Council on the Ukrainian front.—United Press.

POPOV OUT
London, Dec. 18.—Diplomatic quarters here suggested tonight that the chief significance of Mr. Khrushchev's election is apparently that Mr. Popov has been eliminated.

The Central Committee of the All-Union Party is nominally the principal body, but the Politburo of the Party actually rules the country.

The secretariat of the Central Committee comprises General Stalin, Mr. Georgi Malenkov, Mr. A. Andreyev, Mr. Alexei Kuznetsov, Mr. M. A. Suslov and now Mr. Khrushchev.

Mr. Popov had held his post in the secretariat automatically because he was secretary of the Central Committee for the Moscow district. He is not a member of the Politburo.—United Press.

**Bill On Leopold
Referendum**
Brussels, Dec. 18.—The five-year-old Royal question, which is splitting the nation into two opposed camps, will doubtless leap to the fore next January, when a bill providing for a referendum on whether provisionally exiled King Leopold should return to the throne, will be debated by the Belgian Chamber of Deputies, the lower house, early in January.

The bill has already been passed by the Belgian Senate, the upper house, where the Catholics predominate.—Reuter.

Immigrants Detained
One hundred and twenty-eight Chinese from Swatow, passengers of a motor-vessel, the Nampang, were arrested by the Police yesterday for alleged immigration offences. The passengers, men, women and children, landed at Taitam Bay last night. The commandant and the master of the ship were also detained.

Socialist MPs Study Policy

Oxford, Dec. 18.—Twelve Socialist Members of Parliament, who had been meeting in Oxford since Friday, tonight completed "a study of Socialist policy on which they have been engaged for some months."

After the meeting one of them, Mr. Ian Mikardo, said that a report on the purpose of the meeting by a political commentator in the Sunday Express today was "grossly inaccurate in a number of respects."

He would not specify the inaccuracies or divulge what happened at the meeting.

The Sunday Express article had said that Socialist Members of Parliament meeting at Oxford were discussing what action could be taken to ensure that if the Party won the next general election, Mr. Ernest Bevin did not remain as Foreign Secretary.

Among Members of Parliament at the meeting were the Parliamentary Private Secretaries of three Government Ministers.

They were Mr. Donald Bruce, Colonel George Wigg and Mrs. Barbara Castle, Parliamentary Private Secretaries respectively to the Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the Minister for War, Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, and the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson.

The Sunday Express writer suggested that Mr. Bruce and Colonel Wigg had behind them the power of personal association with Mr. Bevan and Mr. Shinwell and that "neither of them" would be "dismissed" without his master's permission.

It asserted that Mr. Bevan and Mr. Shinwell had found a point of agreement "that Socialism and Mr. Bevan's Bevan could not both survive."

A statement by the Members of Parliament tonight said that the study of Socialist policy on which they had been engaged would be published by the New Statesman and Nation (Leftist weekly review) early in January and would include both a review of the achievements of the Government since 1945 and discussion of Socialist policy in its second term of power.—Reuter.

**New Job For
Hoffman?**
Detroit, Dec. 18.—Mr. Henry Ford, President of the Ford Motor Company, said here that he had asked Mr. Paul Hoffman, Marshall Plan Administrator, to become President and Managing Director of the Ford Foundation.

Mr. Ford said that he had "just barely talked to Mr. Hoffman about it and no agreement was reached."

Mr. Hoffman was reported to be on his way from Washington to his home in Pasadena, California. His friends in Washington said that he would never resign as Administrator of the Marshall Plan until it had succeeded.

He is at present on leave.—Reuter.

Army Camp Fire
A small quantity of motor spares in the open ground of an Army camp in Watloo Road, Kowloon Tong, caught on fire at about 4 p.m. yesterday. One engine was called from the Fire Brigade and the blaze was soon extinguished.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Look out, Mrs. Blinks. Your coat has got him excited—he loves to chase rabbits!"

German Reds Said To Have Formed Anti-Stalin Party

Berlin, Dec. 18.—A number of Germans met in Berlin today to found an anti-Stalinist "Independent Labour Party of Germany," it was reported here tonight.

The Constituent meeting, held in the French sector, was attended by West German Communists and about 20 unidentified Communists living in the Soviet zone, it was added.

Reports quoted a Mr. Renner, of the Communist group in the Lower House of the West German Parliament, as declaring afterwards that branches of the new Party would shortly be set up in Western Germany.

But tonight Mr. Heinz Renner, the Communist Parliamentary Group's Chairman, in an interview with the West German news agency DPA at his home at Essen in the Ruhr, stated that reports that he had helped to form the new Party were "utter nonsense."

Mr. Heinz Renner—the only Communist of that name in the Bundestag—has always been known as a firm supporter of Stalin.

Last week in Bonn he described as "silly inventions" foreign press reports that he had replaced Mr. Max Reimann as leader of the West German Communist Party.

Other reports of today's meeting said that it had appointed Mr. Karl Heinz Scholz, a pro-Hitler Communist Party official, to head the Berlin organization of the new party.

In the past year Mr. Scholz has already made two attempts to found a "Free Communist Party" in Western Berlin but each was banned by the Allied Commandatura.

One of those at today's meeting told reporters, "We expect that approximately 40 percent of West German Communists will ultimately join our new Party, since it fights both the

Manstein Verdict Today

Hamburg, Dec. 18.—Field Marshal Erich von Manstein, the last of Hitler's Generals to be tried by the Allies, will know his fate tomorrow.

Before a British court at Hamburg the former Field Marshal has pleaded not guilty to 17 charges of responsibility for atrocities by German troops in Poland and Russia.

Tomorrow, the 60th day of the hearing, the court will announce its verdict.

The court, which consists of a Lieutenant General, a Major General, two Brigadiers, three Colonels and a civilian judge advocate, has the power to award the death sentence.

Von Manstein is the 93rd and last German to be tried by British military courts for war crimes.

He was over four years in captivity before the British authorities brought him to trial.

GERMAN INTEREST
Three other German leaders were also to have been tried. Field Marshal Walter von Brauchitsch died in captivity and British Army doctors decided that Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt and Colonel General Adolf Strauss were unfit to stand trial, so they were released.

The Germans have followed the trial with the greatest interest. They heard von Manstein described by his defence counsel, Mr. R. T. Pargel, KC, as "still the hero of the German people," and they followed with amazement the verbal clashes between prosecution and defence lawyers.—Associated Press.

**TIME BOMBS KILL
FIVE PERSONS**
Sao Paulo, Brazil, Dec. 18.—Five persons were killed early this morning in Aracatuba when a negro, trying to exterminate a local family, placed two time bombs in the family's residence.

One bomb exploded, killing one child, then the police commander, Lieutenant Alcides dos Santos, entered the house, followed by several persons, trying to rescue the family.

The second bomb then exploded, killing Lt. dos Santos and three others.—United Press.

extreme Right and the extreme Left
"Stalin has stained the name of Communism so much that nobody will talk to us any more. We shall fight both Soviet expansion and bourgeois imperialism."—Reuter.

Speaker Retiring
London, Dec. 18.—Colonel Douglas Clifton Brown, the 70-year-old Speaker of the House of Commons, will retire from public life at the end of the year.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong
H.K.T.
6. "Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary: 6.32, Children's Half Hour—Introduced by Jack Frost (Studio); 6.30, Portuguese Half Hour (Studio); 7, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, Melodies from Spain (Played by the London Promenade Orchestra); 7.30, Off the Record (Studio); 7.35, Double Identity (Studio); 7.40, From the Editorials (London Relay); 8.10, Box 200—Beret Gillette at the Hammond Organ; 8.25, "I Like What I Like"—Presented by John Dawn; 8.30, Double Identity (Studio); 8.35, Concerto—Lato's Symphony (Violin and Orch.); Symphonique de Paris conducted by Georges Enesco; 9.10, Radio Newsworld (London Relay); 9.15, Weather Report; 10.10, Latin American Music Played by the London Promenade Orchestra; 10.30, "From the Baller"—Chopin's "Les Sylphides" (London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent); 10.45, Music For Dancing; 11.10, Weather Report; World and Home News from Britain (Recorded London Relay); God Save the King; 11.30, Close Down.

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Week-End League Cricket

RECREIO PROVIDE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP RACE BEING INTERESTING

BY "RECORDER"

The holders of the First Division Cricket League Championship, Club de Recreio, beat the Army at Sookunpoo on Saturday, as many had expected they would, to be the first team to take four points off the League leaders.

Recreio's victory put three more teams back into the Championship race. The Royal Air Force, who could have drawn level, just failed to beat the Optimists and lost three valuable points. The position now, after eight matches, is Army, 25 points; RAF, 22; Scorpions, 21 (with one game in hand); and Recreio, 21.

In the only other Senior League match played on Saturday, Craigengower had the better of a drawn match with the KCC. Soft wickets gave prominence to bowlers who have not been doing too well and the afternoon's cricket produced also good performances from batsmen who have not had a very good season so far.

Recreio's victory was contributed to handsomely by the Gosano brothers, Gerry carrying his bat for 50 to record his highest innings of the season. He has been consistently in the 20s and 30s so far, but this was his first time over 50 in the current competition.

Dr E. L. Gosano, who has not been quite in his form of last season, was Recreio's most successful bowler with four wickets for 17 runs in nine overs. In reply to Recreio's 135, Army were at one stage 47 for two wickets, but were finally all out for 93.

The opening partnership of Laurie Kilbee and Noel Arthy took a long time over their first wicket stand of 70 runs against the RAAF at Chaiu Road, but the inability of the Airman's attack to separate them cost them the match. Arthy went on to make 76 and the Optimists declared at 130 for five wickets. Though F. J. Moorhouse played a very polished innings for RAAF in hitting up 60, drawing of stumps found the Airman three runs short of victory with six wickets in hand.

BATTING SIDE

Out to prove that Craigengower does not have a strong batting side in the match at the Valley, KCC came near enough to success at one stage as five Craigengower wickets were down for 58 runs. Souza, Tam, Hing, Hingjahn and Hong Choy were in the pavilion.

Then came in A. H. Ismail and M. J. Divera for a very promising partnership that put on 41 runs. Ismail scored 24, largely on singles, his first boundary coming after 50 minutes at the wicket. With Divera gone after contributing 20, J. H. France held on for an undefeated and very fast 20 and Craigengower declared at 133 for seven wickets.

Were it not for an epidemic of dropped catches, KCC would have been quite probably given Craigengower their first victory to the season. Frances Zimmerman, top scorer with 44, was dropped off his second ball.

Craigengower discovered that though they have some more passable bowlers, their fielding is not polished enough to help them get the wickets.

CENTURY

There was another century in a season that has already seen four, in the friendly matches this weekend.

H. T. Hing knocked up 102 for University against the Royal Army Pay Corps. He was 80 minutes reaching it and hit 14 boundaries.

FOILED

Phudkar, who tried to farm the bowling to prevent a collapse, was foiled when the fielders closed in on him for the last ball of the day, which he drove into the hands of Freer to see the Australian run out.

Phudkar and his partner, Nimbalkar, had had Nayudu caught by Smith.

EASY CATCH

Off his very first ball, which was of a short length, Mervyn Lambert at square leg an easy catch.

Hazare continued Merchant's good work, but Livingston, calling on Pettiford for the first time six minutes before lunch, was rewarded for his adroit move.

Freer, taking over the job of obtaining wickets, then sent back Mankad before tea, and after the interval 'he bowled

Taxation Is Killing Village Cricket

SAYS D. R. JARDINE

Purchase tax is driving cricket off the village greens, suggests former England captain D. R. Jardine, in a chapter to The Sports Book, edited by James Rivers (Macdonald and Co., 9s. 6d.).

Costs, he says, are tending to become prohibitive for many clubs and villages.

"It is not a question of State aid which, to many at least, is probably neither practicable nor desirable," he continues.

"The question rather is one of active State discouragement by means of the purchase tax," Jardine pleads for the removal of purchase tax on the implements of all outdoor team games.

"Such games," says Jardine, "make their fair contribution to the country's exchequer, apart from keeping people fit, every time the secretary posts a letter or a shirt or pair of flannels are bought."

"We want a nation of players rather than a nation of watchers. To make the game as cheap as possible goes some way to realising that ideal. 'School, village and club cricket form the backbone of all cricket and, of course, the Countries know it.'"

SMALLER BALL

Lack of petrol and the high cost of alternative amusement are among the reasons for the present prosperity wave in first class county cricket, says Jardine.

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



London Express Service

THEY KEEP ON HOPING

The Government May Get Around To Paying For British Teams' Travel

BY VERNON MORGAN

London, Dec. 18.—The final net profits of the 1948 Olympics held in London will be approximately £15,000. This is after deducting all charges and all taxes.

What is to be done with the money? Lord Burghley, the former Olympic hurdler and Chairman of the Olympic Organising Committee, told me that the British Olympic Association will use the money to equip and send a first class team to the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki.

It looks, therefore, though it is not definitely decided, as if the whole sum of money will be banked until that time arrives and that there will be no distribution to the individual sporting associations, as was at one time proposed by some Olympic officials.

WHAT THEN?

What happens for the 1950 Olympic Games in Melbourne when the 1948 profits will have been exhausted and for the other Olympiads thereafter? Lord Burghley did not know, but he seemed to be very hopeful that by that time the Government would be helping sport with financial grants for sending teams overseas.

He felt that the Government, already taking an interest in sport to the extent of providing money for athletic coaches, would increase their interest and help in a big way.

Should they fail to do so, he did not know where the money was coming from. It had been extremely difficult to raise the £20,000 to send not a very large team to New Zealand for the British Empire Games through private subscription.

A much larger sum would be required if anything like a wholly representative team was to be sent to Melbourne.

GIRLS THEY LOVE

Lord Burghley, who is a great believer in the good that sports does in this world, is busy preaching the gospel at dinners night after night.

The fact that he is as nimble with his tongue as he is to be with his feet over the hurdles makes him a much sought after dinner speaker and gives him plenty of opportunity to prove that he is one of Britain's greatest sporting ambassadors.

BRUCE HARRIS (London Express Service)

A BUSY MAN

It took a little time to get around to him, what with wrangling with callers, belaying down a telephone, taking orders for more and more of his "Hing" magazines, and fighting off the deluge of books, magazines, manuscripts, and variegated printed matter that constantly threatened to spill over and sweep the lot of us into the street below.

Nat Fleischer has lived, eaten, and slept boxing since he was a kid of 12. His output on the subject is reckoned to total 30,000,000 words to date. His international magazine is the recognised bible of the game, and he has added to its regular publication nearly 50 books on boxing and wrestling.

As a little sideline to his main interests, which are writing, talking, and refereeing fights, he dabbles in collecting the relics of the game—such things as Bob Fitzsimmons' silk hat and the glove they used for the Sullivan-Corbett fight in 1892—and bigger and ever-better cameras for taking bigger and better fight pictures.

CRETE TO LOUIS

It, from this, you get the idea that Nat Fleischer is by way of being a bit of an authority on his subject, you are right and you will probably agree with us that his book is the last word on the subject of the heavyweight.

He has it all, from as early as 1500 B. C. Excavations in the island of Crete have revealed that even earlier natives had fought with their fists, championed by champion down to Joe Louis.

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Mrs Dupont Heads Tennis Rankings

New York, Dec. 18.—Mrs Margaret Osborne Dupont heads the women's rankings for 1949 announced by the United States Lawn Tennis Association. Mrs Dupont won the National Championships at Forest Hills in September.

Miss Louise Brough, the Wimbledon Champion, was ranked second and Miss Doris Hart was placed third.

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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Signal With Queen Defeated Contract

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

I HAD luncheon recently with an old friend, H. Huber Boscowitz of New York City, a former president of the bridge league. He was the first recipient of the Edwin A. Wetzel trophy, given to the person who contributed most of the game of bridge.

He has a variation of "Twenty Questions" that is very interesting, and "Search Me" is a game that will break the ice

Boscowitz		KQJ5	
9841	W	82	
K75	E	762	
QJ3	S	A82	
7653	D		
Tournament—Neither vul.		AK1095	
South West North East		K4	
1 ♠	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
2 ♠	2 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Opening—♦ K			17

at any party. It reminded me of today's bridge hand, which Boscowitz played in a tournament a few years ago.

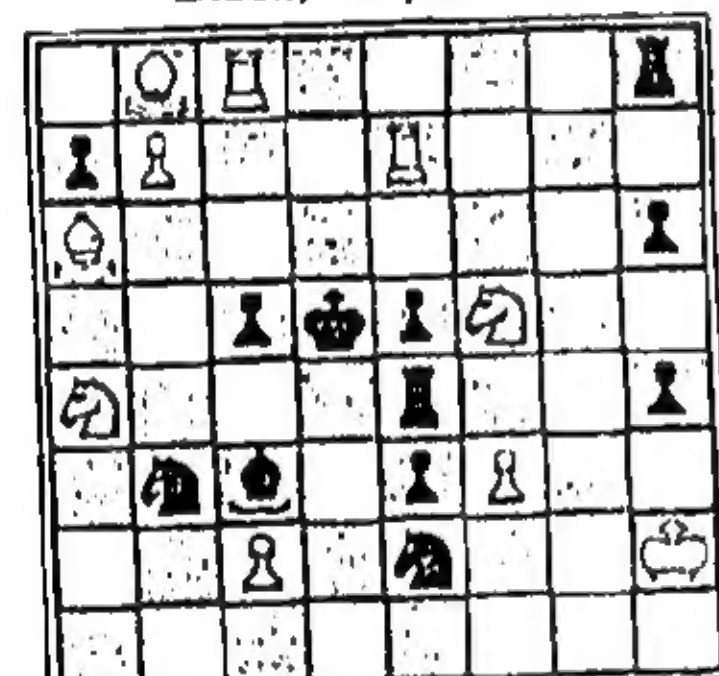
Against the four-spade contract, Boscowitz's partner opened the king of diamonds. What should Boscowitz in the North play, the queen, the jack or the three of diamonds?

Most experts agree that you should seldom signal with the queen when you hold the queen and a small card of a suit. They prefer to reserve the play of the queen to show that you have the jack. Boscowitz also knew that if they were to defeat the contract, they had to get a club trick established quickly, so he played the queen, hoping to lead the light to his partner that he held the jack. (By the way, another of the games in his book is entitled "Shedding Light.")

New South felt safe in leading a small diamond, Boscowitz won this with the jack, returned a club, and now declarer could not establish the heart suit without losing a club trick.

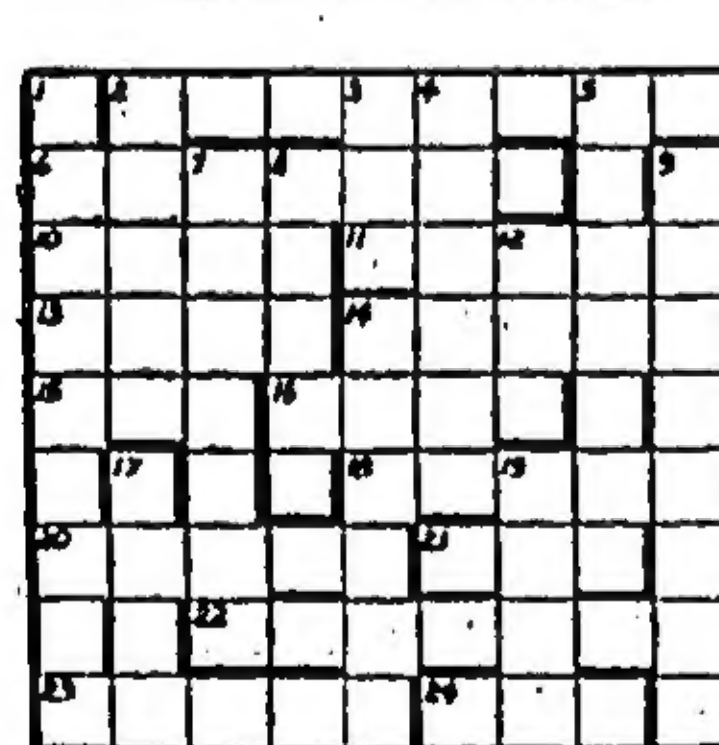
CHESS PROBLEM

By R. G. THOMSON
Black, 12 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.
Solution to Saturday's problem:
1. Q-B1. 1. QxQ (ch); 2. KxQ; 1. QxP (ch); 2. BxQ; 1. QxQ; 2. KxQ.

CROSSWORD



Across
2. Reputation you get for doing good deeds. (6)
3. You will notice it on the lid. (7)
10. Pungent ductile earth. (4)
11. Town where the Spaniards hid? (5)
12. Musical instrument. (4)
14. A stone archway or tunnel. (6)
15. The conjunction of the hands. (4)
16. A person under medical treatment. (6)
17. To make ready. (6)
18. A person under medical treatment. (6)
19. A person under medical treatment. (6)
20. A person under medical treatment. (6)
21. A person under medical treatment. (6)
22. A person under medical treatment. (6)
23. A person under medical treatment. (6)
24. A person under medical treatment. (6)

Down
1. Make China seem mechanical. (6)
2. You often think of it as a mast, but it really is the gateway to an Egyptian temple. (6)
3. Build a dream. (6)
4. A person under medical treatment. (6)
5. Once the valley of sacrifice now commonly known as hell. (6)
6. A person under medical treatment. (6)
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DUMB BELLS

OUR BANK MUST BE BANKRUPT, DEAR! THEY HAVE RETURNED MY CHECK MARKED "NO FUNDS"

Check Your Knowledge

1. Is tapoca a natural or manufactured food?
2. What is tulip?
3. What island is the world's greatest producer of cane sugar?
4. When was Yugoslavia proclaimed a Republic known as the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia?
5. Name the deepest fresh water lake in the world.
6. Name the channel that separates Ireland and Wales.

(Answers in Column 5)

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

The Shadows' Friend Smokie

—He Told Them About His Good Deed—

By MAX TRELL

KNAIF and Handi watched the smoke come curling slowly out of the bowl of Father's pipe and by and by they noticed (though Father didn't) that it was taking the shape of their old friend the Smoke Man.

After a moment or two of standing over the pipe, the Smoke Man rose slowly and came floating across the room to Knaif and Handi. He sat down on the edge of a book and folded his knees comfortably under his chin. "Good-evening," he said.

Knaif and Handi returned his greeting. "We haven't seen you in a long time," Handi said. "Where have you been?"

"Oh, here and there. Nothing very interesting. Just the usual sort of places. Pots and pans and things."

Knaif said in a puzzled voice: "Pots and pans and things? What do you mean, Smokie?"

"Well, take this morning, for instance. I had spent the night in a smoke-black, and was just coming out to take a bit of fresh air and to have myself a stretch or two when I smelled a delicious smell. It was coming out of an open window. It was pan-cakes."

"Oh," exclaimed Handi. "Someone was about to have pan-cakes for breakfast?"

"That's it. And it's a good thing I happened to be passing by at that moment."

"Why, Smokie?"

"Because," replied Smokie, "they suddenly started burning. The air under them was getting too hot, and whoever was cooking them had forgotten all about them. So what did I do?"

"What?" Knaif and Handi both demanded.

"I sailed in through the window, and started jumping up and down over the pans. I would have shouted, only I can't shout. But I thought sure someone would see me. Only no one did!"

"Why, didn't they?"

"No one was in the kitchen. The lady who lived in the house was in the bedroom waking up her two children. She was making the pan-cakes for her breakfast. I could hear her saying: 'Get up, dear! Breakfast is

around him as he enters the palace. 'Do tell us why you wanted to see the mare's nest,' they beg. Rupert started to explain how his father started him off on his adventure. Then suddenly he pauses. 'Oh, dear! I haven't finished my work yet!' he gasps. 'How ever can I do the rest of it?'

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BRONCHO BILL

HOSE SENSE

By Harry F. O'Neill

AROUND THE WORLD

Famous Fortress at Gibraltar

By TEMPLE MANNING

WE would like to go back and have a look at old Gibraltar in this postwar era, and see if the world of the atom bomb and the mighty air armada has changed it to any extent.

But whatever political and military changes may have resulted, the old harbour and the mighty rocks that for over three thousand years have been a familiar sight to mariners, still make one of the world's most intriguing and exciting places.

How wonderful it was to sail through Gibraltar Straits to the high rocky headland that thrusts itself directly south into the Strait that connects the Atlantic with the Mediterranean and to note the flash of the powerful light from Cape Spartel, right at the tip of Africa, twenty-five miles distant, against a backdrop of conical peaks—outmost range of the Atlas Mountains. On the opposite side, there is the coast of southern Spain with again a mountain backdrop, but a jagged one—the Sierras.

The ship passes Tarifa, the southernmost town in Europe, and then comes the mighty rock. How busy it all used to be at the landing period. Waterport Basin nearby, the busy dry-dock, the fuelling stations for mighty battleships, ferries, fishing boats—a maritime crossroads if we ever saw one.

As for the fortifications, there was not much on the Rock to show any special defences, except a few guns, signal stations and radio transmitters. The Galleries, deep in the heart of the rocks, hold all these. Here is a sort of Maginot Line that really never had to have its test. The famous long-range guns that can shoot across the Straits right into Africa are rather outmoded now.

Town of Gibraltar

The town of Gibraltar clings to a narrow ledge at the west foot of the Rock, with most people living high up near the fortifications. There is really only one main thoroughfare, appropriately named Main Street. Tiny little shops that used to sell merchandise from all over the world, which entered the port tax-free, line the long, nicely shaded street. It was a real experience to sit at one of the wide windows of the hotel fronting the street and watch the molley parade passing by. And how charming is the big hotel, set in glorious gardens high on the cliff looking over the Bay to Algeiras, in Spain.

(Tomorrow—Science At Work)

Smokie greeted the shadows, almost ready. The pan-cakes are almost done!

"Done!" I said to myself. "They're burning!" And what do you think I did then?"

"You turned off the fire under the pan," said Knaif.

Smokie shook his head. "You turned the pan-cakes over," said Handi.

Smokie shook his head again. "Impossible," he said. "I couldn't turn off the fire, and I couldn't turn over the pan-cakes. So I did the best thing I could. I went shooting off as fast as I could, out of the kitchen, down the hallway and into the bedroom. And the instant I got near the lady who lived in the house, she stopped trying to wake up her children, and exclaimed: 'The pan-cakes! They're burning!'"

Then she rushed right into the kitchen and turned them over."

"So you saved the children's breakfast, Smokie?" said Handi.

"That was a very nice thing to do."

Smokie smiled. "Yes, and what was my thanks?"

"I was invited to stay in the house, and to have breakfast!" Oh no! The doors and windows were pushed open and I was fanned out. 'We don't want any smoke in here!' the lady said. Well, that's the way it goes," Smokie said to Knaif and Handi as he undid his knees. "See you again soon, I'm off to look for a fire somewhere."

And away he floated, still smiling, out through the keyhole in the back door.

Rupert and a Mare's Nest—30

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by Beachcomber

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(London Express Service)

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YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

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Christmas Shopping Boom In UK

London, Dec. 18.—The Bank of England increased its bank note issue by £50,000,000 sterling to meet Britain's biggest spending Christmas since before the war, according to the Daily Graphic.

The newspaper said gift-hunting Britons had withdrawn an extra £22,000,000 sterling from the Bank of England during the past three weeks and during the same period had taken out £10,470,000 sterling from their national savings.

The Graphic added that one of London's biggest stores was dealing with 100,000 customers per day. The manager of a leading store in Manchester said: "Sales are up on last year, which was itself a record."

—United Press.

Jap Plan To Increase Rice Output

Washington, Dec. 17.—United States agricultural experts who have been studying the Japanese plan to increase rice production by 30 or 40 percent have almost decided that the practical difficulties outweigh the benefits of the proposed plan.

The scheme was advocated by the Japanese National League for the Increase of Food Production. It proposed to vary the quantity as well as the quality and kind of the fertilizer applied at the proper time in the period of plant growth.

The idea has been studied at the Department of Agriculture's station in Maryland, and the Director of Agricultural Research, Mr. Myron Anderson, is searching for the finding in a few days.

He told the United Press that the experts had consulted State and Army Department officials and, after considering the result of the studies, "nobody can see anything in it that is worth anything."

Mr. Anderson added: "The Japanese Government had tried the idea, and, according to their reports, there is very little promise of success."

He said that a necessity to agriculture in Japan was nitrogen fertilizer. If all the nitrogen proposed in the plan could be applied, crops would undoubtedly be better, but where the nitrogen was coming from he did not know.

An official of the Army Department's Office of Food Administration for the occupied areas, said: "There appear to be no prospects of it coming up to the claims and expectations made by proponents in Japan, and we are not very hopeful about it. Similar tests in the United States just did not work out in the long run."—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARES

The turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning was \$177,230.00. Transactions and notes prices:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS
H.K. Bank 1500 10 @ 1805

INSURANCES
London 305 675
Union 215 685
H.K. Fire 1.10

DOCKS, ETC.
Dock 200 @ 1815
600 @ 1815
400 @ 1815

Hongkong 18 4000 @ 9
Shah Dock 9 400 @ 9
200 @ 915
500 @ 915

Wheelock 315
LAND, ETC.
H.K. Land 12.20 100 @ 815
H.K. Land 2.30 2.00

UTILITIES
Tram 16.40 500 @ 15
200 @ 15.10
800 @ 15.20
200 @ 15.20
1000 @ 15.20
1000 @ 15.20

C. Light (N) 30 100 @ 2015
Electric 30 100 @ 2015
200 @ 2015

INDUSTRIALS
Cement 24 1/2
STOLES, ETC.
Dairy 44 200 @ 4715
200 @ 4715

COTTONS
Siam 500 @ 6.55
Yamaguchi 4 1/2

